

Comparison of Summer Feeding Programs

The *Simplified* Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Seamless Summer Feeding Program National School Lunch (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) & Afterschool Snack

This side-by-side comparison of the Programs serves to highlight the similarities between the Simplified SFSP, Seamless Summer Feeding Program and NSLP/SBP/Afterschool Snack.

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When can the program operate?	Anytime May - September when regular school is not in session. May operate during summer school.	Same as SFSP	When school is in session as established by the school district, including summer school.
Where can meals be served?	At almost any location within the area of a school that qualifies or within a census tract that qualifies. Examples: Schools, Camps, Churches, Community Centers, Housing Projects, Libraries, Migrant Centers, Parks, Playgrounds, Pools	Same as SFSP	In any school that participates in the NSLP and/or SBP during the regular school year.
Who can eat the summer meals?	Children 18 years or younger and persons 19 or older with a physical or mental disability, whom also participates in a public or private education program during the school year.	Same as SFSP	Students enrolled in summer school, including persons enrolled in a school program for the mentally or physically disabled.
What will the meals cost the children?	All meals are free.	Same as SFSP	Meal cost for children is based on their income eligibility (free, reduced, and paid). Afterschool snacks at area eligible sites are free for all children.
What criteria makes a summer feeding sites eligible?	School buildings must be open to all children in the community (open site). Other sites run by the school off premise, may serve just a select group of children (enrolled, migrant, camp). <u>Open sites:</u> 50% or more of the children in an area qualify for free or reduced price	Same as SFSP	Public and private non-profit schools that participate in the NSLP and/or SBP during the regular school year can participate during summer school without any additional eligibility requirements. Schools must provide meals to only the children enrolled in summer

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	<p>school meals, based on school or census data.</p> <p><u>Enrolled sites:</u> 50% or more of the children in an area qualify for free or reduced price school meals, based on school or census data.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>50% of children enrolled at the site are eligible for free or reduced price meals.</p> <p><u>Migrant sites:</u> Certification by a migrant organization that the site serves children of migrant farm workers.</p> <p><u>Camps:</u> Offer a regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children.</p>		<p>school.</p> <p>Schools that have afterschool care programs during the school year and continue these in the summer after summer school can continue to offer snacks through the Afterschool Snacks Program. Afterschool snack sites in eligible areas must have 50% or more of the children in the attendance area of a school qualify for free and reduced price school meals, based on school data.</p>
What type of meals can be served?	<p>For open and enrolled sites, up to 2 meal services per day, in any combination other than lunch and supper on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Snack (AM or PM) • Supper <p>Afterschool snack can also be offered if a school site has a qualified afterschool program and also participates during the regular school year.</p>	Same as SFSP	<p>Any combination of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Snack (Afterschool only)
Do summer programs receive an extra shipment of commodities?	Yes. A summer order is placed in May for delivery in June. This is a one time delivery for the whole summer. The entitlement is \$.015 per meal; however actual amounts received by sponsors are usually much more.	No. The number of lunches served in the summer program will be counted as meals served in the NSLP. This will increase the NSLP entitlement for the next school year. NSLP entitlement for SY 2008-09 is \$0.2075.	No. The number of lunches served in the summer program will be counted as meals served in the NSLP. This will increase the NSLP entitlement for the next school year. NSLP entitlement for SY 2008-09 is \$0.2075.

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What are the reimbursement rates?	SFSP 2009 rates are enclosed. Note that this program provides two types of reimbursement - to help cover operational and administrative expenses; however funds received may be used to pay for any type of cost related to the non-profit food service account.	Meals are paid at the NSLP & SBP free rate. See SY 2008-09 rates enclosed.	Meals are paid at the appropriate rate for the determined eligibility of the child served (free, reduced or paid). See SY 2008-09 rates enclosed.
What is the payment method?	<p>A SFSP claim is submitted to DPI for each month of operation. The claim includes the number of meals served that month.</p> <p>Reimbursement is determined by multiplying the total number of meals by type by the SFSP reimbursement rate – the Program no longer uses cost justification to determine the amount of reimbursement.</p>	<p>A NSLP/SBP claim is submitted for each month of operation. All meals served to children are reported as "free".</p> <p>Reimbursement is determined by multiplying the total number of meals by type by the free NSLP/SBP rate.</p> <p>All other funding normally received for meals served during the regular school year apply: severe need and State reimbursement rates.</p> <p>Total afterschool snacks are multiplied by the free snack rate in eligible areas.</p>	<p>A NSLP/SBP claim is submitted for each month of operation. Meals are reported as free, reduced and paid.</p> <p>Reimbursement is determined by multiplying the total number of meals (by type) by the appropriate NSLP/SBP rate category (free, reduced, and paid).</p> <p>All other funding normally received for meals served during the regular school year apply: severe need and State reimbursement rates.</p> <p>Total afterschool snacks are multiplied by the free snack rate in eligible areas.</p>
What kind of monitoring is the school required to do?	<p>Pre-operational visits before a new or problem site operates the summer program.</p> <p>Site visits the first week of operation (waived for experienced SFA sponsors).</p> <p>Site review during first 4 weeks of operation. Additional monitoring as needed.</p>	Review of meal counting, claiming and meal pattern compliance within 3 weeks of start of operations. This requirement may be waived for sites that have had no problems in the previous summer.	Onsite review of lunch counting and claiming system for each school by Feb. 1st each year. No additional monitoring required during the summer.

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How often does the State conduct a summer program review?	Every 3 years; more frequently based on program size and prior problems identified by the State Agency.	Every 5 years, when the Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) is conducted. One seamless site must be reviewed during the review year.	<p>CRE every 5 years.</p> <p>School Meal Initiative (SMI) review every 5 years to determine how well SFA is meeting the nutrition standards.</p> <p>No additional state conducted review is required when meals are served in the summer.</p>
What type of meal pattern is required?	May use the SFSP meal pattern (similar to Traditional Meal Pattern), however, the school may substitute NSLP/SBP meal patterns.	Same as NSLP/SBP	Must meet requirement for NSLP menu planning approaches in 7 CFR 210.10; or SBP approaches in 7 CFR 220.8; including those based on meal patterns.
How does the summer feeding program need to be publicized?	<p>A public media notice regarding program and eligibility must be sent to a local newspaper.</p> <p>Additional outreach to notify the community of the open meal sites is recommended.</p>	<p>Public media notice may be done but is not required.</p> <p>The school must state in the application request how each site (excluding closed enrolled sites) will advertise availability of meals to the neighborhood community.</p>	<p>SFA must send public media notice regarding program and letter or notice with an application to parents for all children in attendance at the school at the beginning of each school year.</p> <p>No further public notification is required to operate in the summer months.</p>